

BHAM MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2008
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray Warner
Heidi Gautz
Mike Gallegos
Rick St. Onge
Lisa Watts
Deborah Dudzinski
Betty Crowell
Paul Ferris
Andy Hart
Chris Holbin

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bev McCollum
Nancy Rich
Bill Cox

GUESTS:

Pam Wells

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul made a motion to approve the September, 2008 minutes; Deb supported. The minutes were approved.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ray said everything went well at Congress. Ray said people really appreciated the awards. Ray thanked everyone who stepped up while he wasn't feeling well.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Rick stated that it is impossible to make everyone happy—most everyone had a wonderful time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lisa reported that she was directed by the Executive Committee and the Show Director to notify the member of the 60 day suspension that is being imposed. The suspension period will begin September 18, 2008 and will end on November 17, 2008. Lisa relayed that correspondence was received from Lorna Meis and Joyce and Tom Garrison/Elizabeth Kyes. Members were requested to present their annual reports to Betty to copy and have available for the annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Heidi submitted a treasurer's report. Paul made a motion to place the audit documents/treasurer's report on the record. Chris supported. Motion carried. Judy gave Heidi her Verizon internet card. **Deb will look into this proposed expense. Judy will take the laptop and use it until November in Reno. Judy will give the laptop to Bev at the ABRA meeting.**

SHOW COMMITTEE: Rick talked about the 2009 show schedule. We have the dates for Shiawassee Fairgrounds. We don't have a contract for the July—we have a confirming email regarding the same.

We have the grounds for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There was discussion about dropping the Labor Day Weekend show. **Rick thought we might want to explore having a cow show/speed show on Saturday in addition to the regular 3-day show.**

Ray said he received one bid for show secretary. The deadline is December 1, 2008. **The show committee will be review the bids after December 1, 2008 and make a recommendation to the Board.**

The weekend show bill will be presented at the December 1, 2008 meeting for approval.

NOMINATIONS: Andy reported that the following people are not up for re-election:

Ray
Rick St. Onge
Mike Gallegos
Bev McCollum
Chris Holbin
Paul
Bill
Nancy

The following members' terms are expiring:

Andy Hart
Betty Crowell
Rick Heimback
Deb Dudzinski

Officers that are up:

Lisa
Heidi

Nominations are:

John Hull
Todd Gates
Betty Crowell
Deb Dudzinski
Kaitlynn Watts

Lisa and Heidi are rerunning.

Paul made a motion to accept the nominations; Rick supported and the motion carried. (one against).

The ballots were stuff and mailed.

CONGRESS: There was discussion surrounding congress. Rick said that there should be two labels run for each exhibitor; one label would go on the packet and one would go on an index card. Bev would have the index cards and people would pick those up from Bev and would take them into the office and pick up the packets.

Rick proposed an all-color slot class for congress. Rick would like to move the slot class from Futurity to congress. There was discussion about adding sweepstakes classes back in at a split of 75/20.

There was discussion about shifting the show bill around to get finished earlier. The suggestion was made to begin at 7 a.m.

Heidi suggested that we move lead line classes after showmanship.

Heidi read a letter from Jan and Todd Gates congratulating us for a great show.

Lisa said that Ken McClellan was outstanding.

Jody Lyons requested that her stall check be reimbursed. Her grandmother is very ill and Jody couldn't make it here. The stalls were resold. **Heidi will reimburse her for her stalls.**

The congress show bill will be presented in December for review and approval.

Lisa commented produce and get classes were very confusing because in a group of three all three in some instances signed up for the class.

WEBSITE: Deb was BHAMED out and she will put information on the website.

AWARDS: Heidi reported on the number of placings that will be paid out on the year end awards. Paul made a motion to allocate \$10,000 for year-end awards. Mike Gallegos supported the motion and the motion carried.

Deb said she has 9 or 10 reserve halters left. **They will be given away at the Banquet.** Coupons were given for exhibitors to pick up grand or reserves at congress and that seems to have worked out well.

Tim Finnegan did a great job and donated a scooter for pee wee high point.

There was discussion about adding a 2nd gate person to assist with larger classes—especially to assist with orders of go.

STALLION SERVICE: Betty had sent the letter stating that the refund was available this year. She thought that there were a few stallion owners would be taking advantage of this.

SPONSORSHIP/PUBLICITY: Paul will take care of the drawing at the banquet. Paul will be negotiating with Saddle Up, Horse Circuit News and Equine Times regarding future publicity.

RULES: Paul said **that proposed rule changes must be submitted by November 1 in order to be discussed at the December meeting.**

BANQUET: Heidi reported that she has received the booking agreement with the Sheridan. **Ray appointed Heidi to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.** They will be sending the menu for her selections. The ticket prices have not been set yet. The room rate has been locked in at \$92 plus taxes and fees. We have 20 rooms blocked off for Friday night and 35 rooms for Saturday night. **Guests are to contact the Sheridan directly 517 323-7100 to reserve rooms.**

REPRESENTATIVE CONTEST: Tammy Yitalo has the tally sheets. The scores were very close and each contestant was awesome. The winner this year was Susan Avery.

Kaitlynn Watts has expressed an interested in working with this committee.

JR. BHAM: JJ Jingleheimer has left over shirts they are willing to sell us at \$4.35 s-xl all t-shirts. They have some hoodies left and they are \$15 each. Paul made a motion to purchase the leftover shirts and hats not to exceed \$750. Chris supported. The motion passed.

TRAIL: Deb did an awesome job. Ray said several people commented on how great the trail classes were.

ETHICS: Ray passed a letter to Paul requesting the Ethics Committee for review it and it has been officially referred to the committee for a recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS: A protest was submitted at Congress. Betty did lots of investigation on this matter. Betty reviewed the matter with Sharon Pratt. The protest wasn't made until after the judge's cards were marked.

Paul will add this to the proposed rules: Contestants going out of order when a working order draw is utilized will be disqualified. If the rule passes it will also appear on the show bill.

The protester will be notified that the protest was investigated and there is no remedy available to them.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT: Andy made a motion to adjourn; Deb supported and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

The annual meeting is scheduled set for November 16, 2008 at 10:00 at the Shiawassee County fairgrounds in Corunna.

The next meeting will be December 7, 2008 at 10:00 at a place to be determined.